

## BRASS BIZ

The Ceremonial Brass provided support for various events this spring and summer. On April 27, the Ceremonial Brass participated in an armed forces arrival ceremony for distinguished visitors from the Republic of Georgia. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry H. Shelton hosted this event. On May 19, the Ceremonial Brass participated in the Joint Armed Forces Review Ceremony for the Department of Defense's Open House at Andrews Air Force Base. This marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armed Forces Day. Special guests included President Bill Clinton, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, General Shelton, Senator John Glenn and Senator John Warner. The Ceremonial Brass performed at a presidential arrival at the Blair House in Washington, D.C. for the president of South Africa. At Arlington National Cemetery, MSgt Jari Villanueva sounded *Taps* for the annual memorial service for the Flying Tigers on May 27.

The USAF Tuba/Euphonium Quartet, featuring Concert Band tubist SMSgt Dave Porter and Ceremonial Brass members MSgts Gil Corella and Ann Hinote and TSgt Jennifer Dayton, performed at the International Tuba/Euphonium Conference 2000 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, from May 31-June 4. MSgt Tony Kirkland represented The USAF Band by attending the International Trumpet Guild Conference in May, at Purchase College in Purchase, New York. SMSgt John Purcell was the featured



*The USAF Tuba/Euphonium Quartet*

soloist with the Prince George's Philharmonic on May 13. Recently, TSgt Tara Smith was a featured soloist with the McLean Orchestra. She appeared with the orchestra on June 11 at the Tyson's Galleria Mall, performing Paul Dukas' *Villanelle* for horn and orchestra.

The Ceremonial Brass bids farewell to trombonist TSgt Andy Lowe in July. He returns to civilian life after four years of service in the Air Force. We wish him well in his future endeavors. He will truly be missed.

Some additional personal achievements of note: MSgt Gil Corella will be conducting the Loudoun Concert Band in an Independence Day concert and fireworks celebration in Purcellville, Virginia. MSgt Jari Villanueva, curator of the *Taps Exhibit* at Arlington National Cemetery, has acquired several new items for display this summer. Included among them is a bugle dating to the Mexican War, original 1827 hand receipts for bugle purchases, and a first edition of the autobiography of General Daniel Butterfield. MSgt Villanueva has also been involved with Civil War re-enactments, sounding Civil War infantry general and skirmish bugle calls for Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> US Infantry-Regulares and sounding calls during the annual re-enactment of the Battle of New Market in mid-May. He is planning to give bugle demonstrations at upcoming living histories at Ft. Ward, Gettysburg and at Arlington National Cemetery.

—TSgt Tara Smith

## SILVER WINGS

The weather sure is hot out here in the nation's capital! Silver Wings is in the midst of our summer concerts and we are having a great time. Can you hear it? That sweet sound of country music is permeating the air and bringing smiles wherever it goes! We've been busy out here in country music land, and we hope you have the chance to hear the fantastic show we've put together! This year we are featuring numerous original songs in our summer programs. CMSgt Jim Queen's song *Living the Air Force Life* expresses the pride we have in our Air Force culture. TSgt Matt Ascione has written two songs, one of which is a love song entitled *What Does it Mean*. TSgt Travis Humphrey has cranked out a whopping six original songs to share with all of you! All of our songs are a sure-fire success wherever we play because we sing them straight from the heart, and never hold back. We look forward to sharing these new songs, among others with Washington area audiences, as well

as our friends in New England, during our summer tour. Check the calendar for concert locations.

The Barnstormers and the Silver Wings Combo have been busy as well. TSgt Marie Mindnich teamed up with the Barnstormers, consisting of CMSgt James Queen, TSgt Travis Humphrey and MSgt Chris Kosky, to perform two rousing shows for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Michael Ryan. The Silver Wings Combo, with members Chief Queen, SMSgt Chip Clemmer, MSgt Kosky and TSgt Ascione, also had the opportunity to play for the chief of staff of the Air Force and the secretary of state.

We look forward to seeing you at our shows, and hope you all have a great and safe summer!

—TSgt Matthew Ascione